

# House File 202 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the assignment of health care coverage and  
2 dental care coverage benefits.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1495HH 83  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.24 ASSIGNMENT OF HEALTH  
1 2 CARE AND DENTAL CARE COVERAGE BENEFITS.  
1 3 1. A carrier as defined in section 513B.2; an organized  
1 4 delivery system authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, ch. 158, and  
1 5 licensed by the director of public health; or a plan  
1 6 established pursuant to chapter 509A for public employees,  
1 7 shall not do either of the following:  
1 8 a. Prohibit the assignment of health care coverage or  
1 9 dental care coverage benefits to a health care provider or  
1 10 dental care provider by a covered individual.  
1 11 b. Refuse to directly reimburse a health care provider or  
1 12 dental care provider pursuant to a valid assignment of health  
1 13 care coverage or dental care coverage benefits after receipt  
1 14 of written notice of the assignment.  
1 15 2. An assignment of benefits as described in this section  
1 16 shall not affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise  
1 17 payable under a health care benefit or dental care benefit  
1 18 contract, policy, or plan and a covered individual shall not  
1 19 be otherwise penalized for making such an assignment of  
1 20 benefits.  
1 21 3. A payment of benefits made under a health care benefit  
1 22 or dental care benefit contract, policy, or plan prior to  
1 23 receipt of written notice of assignment of the benefits shall  
1 24 be without prejudice to the payor. This section shall not be  
1 25 construed to prevent the reconciliation of erroneous or  
1 26 duplicate payments made.  
1 27 4. For the purposes of this section, unless the context  
1 28 otherwise requires:  
1 29 a. "Assignment of benefits" means the transfer of health  
1 30 care coverage or dental care coverage reimbursement benefits  
1 31 or other rights under an insurance contract, policy, or plan  
1 32 by a covered individual to a health care provider or dental  
1 33 care provider.  
1 34 b. "Dental care provider" means a dentist, dental  
1 35 hygienist, or dental assistant registered or licensed to  
2 1 practice under chapter 153.  
2 2 c. "Health care provider" means a hospital licensed  
2 3 pursuant to chapter 135B, a person licensed under chapter 148,  
2 4 148A, 148C, 149, 151, or 154, or a person licensed as an  
2 5 advanced registered nurse practitioner under chapter 152.

### EXPLANATION

2 7 This bill prohibits a carrier, organized delivery system,  
2 8 or plan for public employees from refusing to allow a covered  
2 9 individual to assign payment of health care coverage or dental  
2 10 care coverage benefits to a health care provider or dental  
2 11 care provider, or from refusing to directly reimburse a health  
2 12 care provider or dental care provider, pursuant to a valid  
2 13 assignment of such benefits upon receipt of written notice of  
2 14 the assignment.  
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